Attorney's Reference Number: 1201-031/ddh

PAGE

06

2. Remarks

a. The §102 Rejections

Claims 10 – 12 are finally rejected as anticipated by Morris—the Examiner points out that the small beveled areas at the corners of the six planar surfaces on Morris' nut 34 could read on claim 10.

Claim 10 is simply distinguished from this aspect of Morris by the amendment made herein: claim 10 as amended requires that the plane of all the plural planar surfaces is parallel to the axis. With Morris, the planes of the six planar surfaces of the nut are parallel to the axis, but the planes of the surfaces of the beveled areas are not parallel to the axis.

This amendment puts claim 10 in condition for allowance, and claims 11 through 14 are thus allowable based on dependency, and for the limitations they add.

Applicant requests entry of the foregoing amendment and allowance of all claims pending in the application. No new search is required by this amendment because it distinguishes a specific structural aspect of a reference cited by the Examiner, and more specifically addresses a structural aspect of the prior art that the Examiner had not raised in the earlier Office action.

Respectfully submitted,

May 12, 2006

Douglas D. Hancock Registration No. 35,889

ipsolon flp 111 S.W. Columbia, Suite 710 Portland, Oregon 97201 phone: (541) 549-4942

cc: Les de Asis